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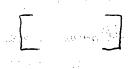
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SUBJECT: JIOA Coordination, Repatriation Program

1. On 2 August I called on Col. Daniel E. Ellis, Director of JIOA, and met Col. Benjamin W. Heckemeyer who has been designated Deputy Director, JIOA, and who will replace Col. Ellis as Director when he leaves on 25 August. Col. Heckemeyer was Executive Officer of G-2 WDGS under General Strong and General Bissell.

- 2. The question of coordination between Project 63 and the Repatriation Program was discussed. Project 63 is an expanded Paper-clip project by means of which German scientists are recruited to come to the United States, under voluntary military jurisdiction if necessary, to accept permanent employment on a six month renewable visa basis. Military personnel were sent to Germany several months ago to accelerate this recruitment. Col. Ellis stated that he had recommended complete coordination, particularly with Nordstrom and in advance of this Project, but his recommendations had been turned down by JCS. This lack of coordination resulted in considerable confusion in Germany. Col. Ellis stated, however, that this coordination has since been effected, and showed me a letter to him from Nordstrom dated approximately the middle of July indicating that he was satisfied with the present arrangement.

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